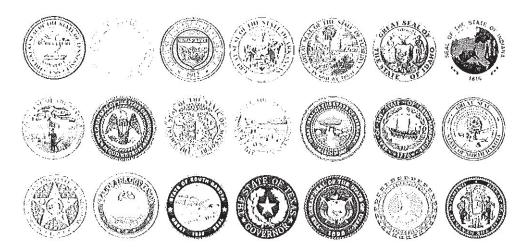
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Exhibit 2 Letter from Governors



November 30, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Chuck Schumer Majority Leader U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader Schumer, and Leader McConnell,

We ask you to take immediate action to remove and prohibit the Biden Administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate on members of the U.S. Armed Forces, issued by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on August 24, 2021—either through the National Defense Authorization Act or a standalone bill. The Biden vaccine mandate on our military creates a national security risk that severely impacts our defense capabilities abroad and our state readiness here at home.

We face a two-front problem due to the Biden vaccine mandate: current servicemembers are leaving our ranks, and new recruits are not signing up to join. Implementation of the mandate has placed our nation's military readiness at risk. As reported:

- On October 8, 2022, U.S. Army National Guard Chief of Staff Major General Rich Baldwin explained that the National Guard missed its recruiting target by 10% and announced that 7,500 members left service.
- On September 21, 2022. Deputy Chief of the Army National Guard Strength Maintenance Division
 Anson Smith revealed that the National Guard was preparing to discharge approximately 14,000
 soldiers in the next two years for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine.
- On October 10, 2022, U.S. Army Secretary Christine Wormuth revealed that the Army failed its recruitment goal by 25% falling 15,000 recruits short of the target.
- As of November 15, 2022, the Armed Forces discharged 8,000 Active Duty members since the implementation of the Biden vaccine mandate.

As Governors, our ability to respond to natural disasters and conduct emergency operations is contingent upon the strength and size of our National Guard units. As Congressional leaders, it is your duty to provide for the national defense, and therefore, we call upon you to protect the men and women in uniform—who

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protect us-from an unnecessary vaccine mandate. As President Biden, himself, stated on September 18, 2022, "The pandemic is over."

Sincerely,

Governor Bill Lee State of Tennessee

Governor Kay Ivey State of Alabama

State of Florida

Governor Doug Ducey State of Arizona

Governor Brad Little

Governor Tate Reeves

State of Mississippi

State of Idaho

Governor Asa Hutchinson State of Arkansas

Governor Eric Holcomb State of Indiana

Governor Mike Parson

State of Missouri

Governor Ron DeSantis

Governor Kim Reynolds

State of Iowa

Governor Greg Gianforte State of Montana

Governor Pete Ricketts State of Nebraska

Governor Chris Sununu

State of New Hampshire

Governor Doug Burgum

State of North Dakota

Governor Kevin Stitt State of Oklahoma

Governor Henry McMaster State of South Carolina

Governor Kristi Noem State of South Dakota

Governor Glenn Youngkin Commonwealth of Virginia

Governor Greg Abbott State of Texas

Governor Mark Gordon State of Wyoming

Governor Spencer Cox State of Utah

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. cc:

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